

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claims, and listings of claims, in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A cap disposed around a lid of a container for canned drinks comprising:

a seal face part made as a film to expand and contract and covers a top face of said container for canned drinks;

an outer-perimeter part being an elastic material to expand and contract and is disposed on an outer perimeter of said seal face part, said outer-perimeter part having a cross-sectional composition that is configured and arranged to couple with a recess below a seam part of said container;

wherein an entire top face of said container for canned drinks is covered in a water-tight manner by said seal face by attaching said outer-perimeter part below the seam part of said container thereby removably and replaceably self-sealing said cap to said container for canned drinks;

wherein a thickness of said seal face part is less than a thickness of said outer-perimeter part; and

wherein a portion of said seal face part contacts said container above the seam part and below the top face.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 1, wherein:

said seal face part and outer-perimeter part are made of at least one of polystyrene and polypropylene by injection molding as one unit;

a thickness of said seal face part is equal to 0.4 mm or less; and

a thickness of said outer-perimeter part is equal to 0.5 mm or greater.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): A cap for canned drinks according to Claim 1, wherein at least one tongue part is disposed projecting from an edge of said outer-perimeter part.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A cap disposed around a lid of a container for canned drinks comprising:

- a seal face part expanding and contracting and covers a top face of said container for canned drinks;
- an outer-perimeter part expanding and contracting and composes an outer perimeter of said seal face part;
- a sealing part continuous with said outer-perimeter part and adheres to a peripheral wall of said container for canned drinks;

wherein an entire top face of said container for canned drinks is covered in a water-tight manner by said seal face by attaching said outer-perimeter part below a seam part of said container for canned drinks.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 4, wherein:

- said seal face part, outer-perimeter part and sealing part are made of at least one of polystyrene and polypropylene by injection molding as one unit;
- a thickness of said seal face part and sealing part is equal to 0.4 mm or less; and
- a thickness of said outer-perimeter part is equal to 0.5 mm or greater.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): A cap disposed around a lid of a container for canned drinks comprising:

- a seal face part being a film expands and contracts and covers a top face of said container for canned drinks;
- an outer-perimeter part of an elastic material expands and contracts and is disposed on an outer perimeter of said seal face part;
- a sealing part continuous with said outer-perimeter part and adheres to a peripheral wall of said container for canned drinks; and
- an edge part disposed on an edge of said sealing part;

wherein an entire top face of said container for canned drinks is covered in a water-tight manner by said seal face by attaching said outer-perimeter part below a seam part of said container for canned drinks.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 6, wherein:

said seal face part, outer-perimeter part, sealing part and edge part are made of at least one of polystyrene and polypropylene by injection molding as one unit;

a thickness of said seal face part and sealing part is equal to 0.4 mm or less; and

a thickness of said outer-perimeter part and edge part is equal to 0.5 mm or greater.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 4, further comprising perforations formed at a border between said outer-perimeter part and said sealing part.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 8, wherein:

said perforations are formed along a borderline between said outer-perimeter part and said sealing part; and

said borderline is a line disposed on an edge of said outer-perimeter part and an outline of tongue parts projecting from said edge.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing part is formed from a second perforation, extending continuously from said perforation, formed at said border between said outer-perimeter part and said sealing part, to said edge of said sealing part.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 10, wherein said sealing part includes said second tongue part which is projecting from said edge near said second perforations.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): A cap disposed around a lid of a container for canned drinks comprising:

a main part of said cap including a seal face part, being a film with ability to expand and contract and covers a top face of said container for canned drinks, an outer-perimeter part made

of an elastic material capable of expanding and contracting that surrounds said outer perimeter of said seal face part; and

a covering part covering a lid and a peripheral wall of said container for canned drinks;

wherein an entire top face area of said container for canned drinks is covered in a water-tight manner with said seal face part by attaching said outer-perimeter part to below a seam of said container for canned drinks; and

wherein said cover part covers said lid and said peripheral wall of said container for canned drinks and said main part of said cap is attached.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 12, wherein:

said seal face part and outer-perimeter part are made of polystyrene or polypropylene by injection molding as one unit;

a thickness of said seal face part is equal to 0.4 mm or less; and

a thickness of said outer-perimeter part is equal to 0.5 mm or greater.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 12, wherein at least one tongue part is disposed projecting from an edge of said outer-perimeter part of said main part of cap.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 12, further comprising perforations extend from one part of said edge of said cover part in an appropriate direction; and

tongue parts projecting from said edge of said cover part are disposed near said perforations.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 6, further comprising perforations formed at a border between said outer-perimeter part and said sealing part.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 16, wherein:

said perforations are formed along a borderline between said outer-perimeter part and said sealing part; and

said borderline is a line disposed on an edge of said outer-perimeter part and an outline of tongue parts projecting from said edge.

Claims 18-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 1, wherein said outer-perimeter part has a cross-sectional compositional shape that is circular.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 1, wherein said seal face part has an expansion ratio of about 1:1.14.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The cap for canned drinks according to Claim 1, wherein said seal face part is configured and arranged to deform to a bottom of said container for canned drinks to permit stacking of said container.